



THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 24, 1903.

ARE VIRGINIA farmers lacking in industrial enterprise? This is a question frequently asked. A gentleman from a city who recently returned from a visit to one of the valley counties says he saw thousands upon thousands of bushels of apples lying upon the ground rotting, when certainly some use could have been made of them. He stated that he was informed that apples could be made into cider at a cost of eight cents per gallon and that this, when converted into vinegar, would sell for fifteen cents a gallon. This would indicate a lack of thrift in the county referred to, or shows that the people there do not care to engage in an industry that does not bring them immediate returns—for it requires some time to convert cider into vinegar. In this connection the rapid falling off in the curing of meats throughout Virginia may be mentioned. Farmers now, as a rule, sell their hogs, either dead or alive, at from 5 to 5 cents a pound cash, but if they would cure their own meat they would receive from 12 to 20 cents a pound for it, which would seem to be a fair return for their waiting and a good interest upon their money. The farmers may know their business, but the meat packers seem to make the most money.

REPRESENTATIVE CANNON, who will be the Speaker of the next House, is a wily politician and it is reported will favor an investigation of the departments by several committees of that body. Mr. Cannon foresees that the democrats will attempt to make party capital out of the scandals that have already been discovered in the Postoffice and Interior departments, and that they will offer resolutions of investigation. Mr. Cannon, it is said, will, therefore, anticipate the democrats and will favor prompt action by the republicans in instituting investigations to defeat the democratic programme. Should the republicans institute investigation resolutions and it should turn out that it would be best that the matter be dropped it is safe to predict that the movers of the resolution would never press their consideration.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, it appears, is determined to continue to recognize in Alabama the republican faction which is represented by Thompson, Scott and Aldrich. It stands for the admission of the negro into the party councils, and is opposed to the lily whites, led by ex-District Attorney William Vaughan and ex-Revenue Collector Julian Bingham. It would appear that the eight vacancies to be filled in Alabama federal offices this fall, will, accordingly, go to the Thompson faction. Meanwhile, the lily whites are prepared to support anybody against Roosevelt for the Alabama delegation. But the President knows that Alabama returns no republican electors, and that his action in opposing the lily whites in that State will win him votes in others where the negroes hold the balance of power.

EDWARD W. CONSTABLE, who founded a vegetarian colony at Roswell, Col., has lately bought 8,000 acres of land near Rogers, Ark., for the purpose of establishing another colony of vegetarians, pantheists and perfectionists. Their belief is that "God is the universal life force that permeates every living thing" and that "it is possible for man so to perfect himself physically as to come into absolute harmony with the soul and live eternally in the flesh." In Rogers there will be no butchers and no doctors. If one is ill he will sit till he gets well. Animals, fowls and fish will positively not be admitted. The man who swears or chews or eats a cooked breakfast will be driven out.

ENGLISH officers are now explaining why things happened as they did in South Africa, and why it took nearly three years to wear out so insignificant an enemy. The complaint of Lord Wolseley is particularly interesting in this country. He says that the Commander-in-Chief has become the fifth wheel to the coach, and that the Secretary of State for War is the actual Commander-in-Chief. In reference to this the Philadelphia Record says: "Secretary of State is about to retire from office in a blaze of glory over the fact that he has installed the Secretary of War as the Commander-in-Chief of the army and got rid of the Commanding General entirely."

It is said in Richmond that the Library Board is likely to choose an outside expert to get the library in good shape, after which a Virginian will be selected. All of which is an intimation, at least, that a Virginian is not equal to the task of superintending the State Library.

The market for bar silver may be described as fairly rampant in London. The commitments of the bears have been so large and supplies in sight are so small, that the silver market is regarded as almost cornered.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.

The Navy Department announces that the Pacific squadron with the exception of the New York, which is in need of repairs will shortly proceed on a cruise to the Hawaiian Islands and afterwards to the west coast of South America.

The President and his family will leave Oyster Bay for Washington at 8 o'clock Monday morning and are expected to arrive there that evening. Mr. Roosevelt is planning a trip South this winter. He may speak in several cities including New Orleans, Atlanta and Birmingham.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston, with its guests, the Honorable Artillery Company, of London, will visit this city and Virginia next month.

A large number of Catholics of this city went to Baltimore this afternoon to participate in the reception tendered Cardinal Gibbons on his return from Rome. A delegation from Alexandria accompanied the Washington party.

Acting Adjutant General Hall received a telegram today from General Grant, commanding the department of Texas, saying that a case of yellow fever is reported at Laredo, on the Rio Grande.

The Commissioners of the General Land Office have announced that at 9 o'clock on the morning of November 15, the Government will throw open to settlers 760,000 acres of agricultural land on the Chippawa reservation in Minn.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

The French steamer Admiral Guydon has been practically destroyed by fire off the Arabian coast. She was beached. One of her crew was drowned but the others were rescued.

The Duke of Leinster has arranged to sell his Irish estate to his tenants under the revision of the new land act, on the basis of a 25 years purchase. Seven million dollars are involved in the sale.

George Moore, the Irish author, has announced that he is about to renounce his faith as a Catholic, and join the Protestant Church. He gives as his reason the attendance of the archbishop of Dublin at King Edward's recent levee.

The little Italian republic of San Marino enjoys the unique position of having two presidents, legally elected. The recent elections there were most exciting and resulted in the choosing of Prof. Barboni and Signor Marucci as joint executives.

Counsel D. P. Watson for the United States resumed his argument before the Alaskan Boundary Commission in London this morning. He took up the historical resume of the case and had brought his recital up to 1810, when adjournment was taken for the day.

A riot occurred at the reopening of the Hungarian Diet this afternoon. A number of the members attacked the premier, Count Hedevaray, crying out: "Bribe taker. Put him out." When quiet was finally restored, Hedevaray started to speak, but had only been able to say: "In the name of the King," when he was interrupted by deputy Barabas, who cried: "We no longer believe the words of the King."

ALLEGED FORGERY.—The well-known tracks of P. St. George Barraud, a well-known Richmond attorney, who is four weeks missing, were laid bare yesterday when it was discovered that a prominent citizen loaned the attorney \$3,000 on a deed of trust executed on property in Richmond, belonging to R. E. Daniels, of Pleasant Hill, N. C., and that the signatures to the deed are forgeries. Mr. Daniels telegraphed from Pleasant Hill last night that he had made no deed, and his name, if used, was a forgery. Barraud, as no way, attested the signature as being that of R. E. Daniels, and as attorney collected the money. It also appears that Mrs. E. S. Pernell, of Nashville, N. C., a handsome widow, who some time back was a stenographer in Barraud's office, went to Richmond a few days before the attorney's departure, registered at a hotel as being from Norfolk, and was several times seen in his company. She left the day before Barraud's disappearance. Barraud's parents are evidently in ignorance of his whereabouts, and his wife is ill at her father's house, in Scotland Neck, N. C.

BREBBERY IN RICHMOND.—Before the committee conducting the municipal investigation in Richmond last night, Capt. A. Pizzini, jr., testified as to how he had pushed franchises through the council for the street railway companies he has represented. He said he had paid Maj. M. M. Martin \$5,000, to be given Messrs. Wirt E. Taylor, Clyde W. Saunders and Chris Manning, jr., for their political influence in preventing the traction company from being allowed to use Main street. Mr. Manning, he said, had strenuously denied having received any of it. He said he had awarded many contracts to councilmen and had loaned them money, but that it was always on a strictly business basis. He named Messrs. Burton, Pollock, Williams and Baha as among those whose notes he now holds.

DEATH OF MRS. LEWIS.—Mrs. Mary Picton Lewis, widow of Colonel Edward Parke Custis Lewis, and a sister of the late Edwin A. Stevens, of Castle Point, Hoboken, died yesterday at the Stevens summer home at Bernardsville, N. J. She was sixty-four years old. Mrs. Lewis was born in Philadelphia in 1839. She was married to Mr. H. Garnett, who was a member of Congress from Virginia. Mr. Garnett died four years after the marriage, and in 1869 his widow was married to Mr. Lewis. He was from Virginia, and in the first Cleveland administration was minister to Portugal. He died in Hoboken in 1892. Mrs. Lewis leaves two sons and four daughters.

SAVED BY HER CORSET.—The corset of a neatly dressed woman saved her from death near Salisbury, N. C., yesterday. She had come in from South Carolina and was walking along a steep embankment on the line of the Southern Railway, when she fell a distance of several feet and her body struck the end of a cross-tie in the bridge connecting the two sections of Salisbury. There she was suspended in an upright position for half an hour, supported by her strong corset, which had been caught by a projection from the tie, while several trains passed under her. Finally some railway men succeeded in looping a rope around her waist and dragging her to safety.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mayor Low of New York was last night renominated by the Citizens' Union for re-election.

Mabel McKinley, the music hall singer, niece of the late President, is going to be the star of the bill at the Circle Theatre in New York next week.

Rev. Henry R. Percival, a prominent Protestant Episcopal divine, died Thursday night at his country home in Devon, a Philadelphia suburb, aged 49 years.

For the first time, certainly in this country and probably in the world, epilepsy, heretofore considered an incurable disease, is being successfully treated by application of the X-ray.

Blanche Chesebrough, the former wife of Roland B. Molineux, it is said, is to be married to A. C. Young, formerly Prosecuting Attorney of Hudson county, N. J., whose client she has been.

The boiling over of a pot of pitch in Booz Bros' shipyard, foot of east Montgomery street, Baltimore, yesterday afternoon, started a fire which completely destroyed the rear of McIntyre & Henderson's machine shop adjoining and caused considerable damage to the buildings occupied by Booz Bros. as a warehouse. The damage is estimated at about \$15,000.

Prince Albert is now champion pacer of the world. In the most sensational mile race ever stepped on a race track James Hanley's great gelding, by Crown Prince-Till, paced the distance at Empire City racetrack, N. Y., yesterday afternoon in the phenomenal time of 1:57 flat, clipping two whole seconds from the best previous time of 1:59, made by Dan Patch.

## ANTI-SEMITIC RIOTS.

Investigation has been made on the spot of the "pogrom," as the Russians describe the anti-Semitic riots, which occurred at Gomel September 11, and were renewed for several days. The riots were smaller, but perhaps more remarkable than those which took place at Kishenev, because the police and military openly sided with the plunderers and murderers, the "pogromshiks," as the Russians called them. The troops, supported by many educated and well-to-do Christians, formed a movable shield, behind which the "pogromshiks" ruthlessly demolished the Jewish homes and shops, and cruelly clubbed such Jews as fell into their hands, leisciously proceeding from street to street and district to district as they did so. The commerce and industry of Gomel, which is considerable, is largely in the hands of the Jewish population, numbering 26,000. Few of the residents are wealthy, but none are paupers. The Jewish artisans incline to socialism. The trouble began September 11, a holiday (the day of the beheading of John the Baptist), in a wrangle in the fruit and fish markets between Moujikis (peasants) and Jews. The latter had refused to lower the price of herring.

The Jewish relief committee states that the houses of 345 Jewish workmen were plundered and destroyed. Twenty-five Jews were killed, 100 were sent to the hospitals suffering from serious injuries and 200 others were taken care of who were slightly hurt. At last accounts quiet had been restored. The town was practically under martial law, work was at a standstill and bread was scarce.

The Russian government is showing cool indifference and there is no telling but that there may be a recurrence of the trouble at any time.

## JEALOUS HUSBAND SHOOTS HIS WIFE.

Believing his wife to be unfaithful, and jealous of the attention she bestowed upon 20-year-old Frank Milbourne, Frank A. Hoeffcker in Wilmington, Del., yesterday came upon his wife and Milbourne in a house at Twelfth and Pine streets and shot both, and then sent a bullet through his own head. While Hoeffcker will die of his self-inflicted wounds, his wife and Milbourne will recover.

Hoeffcker is now in a critical condition in the Delaware Hospital, while a short distance away lies Milbourne listening to the ravings of the delirious man who sought his life. Mrs. Hoeffcker only slightly hurt, her wound being of such a trivial character that she was not even sent to a hospital.

Hoeffcker is about 26 years old, and at one time was a pugilist. He and his wife have been separated for sometime, and Hoeffcker had heard that Milbourne, who is employed at a local theater, was enamored of her and that she reciprocated his attentions. Learning that she was stopping at the Pine street house, Hoeffcker visited there at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and found Milbourne in a room with Mrs. Hoeffcker. Milbourne left the room for an instant, with Hoeffcker following him, and both soon returned. Hoeffcker fired at Mrs. Hoeffcker. Turning quickly, he fired twice at Milbourne. Then placing the smoking barrel back in his own right ear Hoeffcker pulled the trigger.

MILLER CASE DEFERRED.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor in Washington yesterday considered the case of W. A. Miller, the foreman of bookbinders who was dismissed from the Government Printing Office because he had been expelled from the local bookbinders' union, and who was subsequently reinstated by order of President Roosevelt, but took no action in the matter, deferring that until later. The case was under consideration by the executive council for sometime, but all that was made public concerning it was embraced in the following official statement:

"James W. Dougherty, secretary of the International Bookbinders' Union, accompanied by a committee of that organization, appeared before the executive council in the William A. Miller case. The matter was thoroughly gone into, documents read and a full consideration of the subject was deferred until later in the present session."

STOLE BODY OF HIS OWN CHILD.—McLellan Rockwell, an oil driller, of Sandusky county, O., is under arrest charged with stealing the body of his own child from the undertaker and selling it to a doctor for a "subject." The child was afflicted with hydrocephalus and lived but a few hours. Undertaker Murphy's two assistants say they saw Rockwell going out of their rooms with the body. On returning home he told his wife he had been assaulted in the undertakers rooms while protecting the child's body. The law cannot prevent a father selling his child's body, so the charge is removing the body without a permit.

The communication regarding the prices of groceries and feed for the Alms House signed by "Dealer" is the proper move toward abating a long continued period of high prices for articles used at that institution. It is a fact that oats supplied to the Fire Department during the month of August were billed to the city at 44 cents per bushel, while those supplied to the "Alms House" during August were billed at 55 cents per bushel with prices on other feed in the same proportion. Why should this difference exist? The way to abate this evil is for the keeper of the Alms House to buy feed from a wholesale feed dealer and not a retail grocer.

## CHEAP OATS.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. J. J. Wright died Tuesday at the home of his half-sister, Mrs. Robert Graham, of Waterford, aged 70 years.

Miss Mary Aldridge, daughter of Mr. J. West Aldridge, of Loudoun county, and Dr. Henry Maynadier Fitzhugh, of Baltimore, were married at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Baltimore, the pastor, Rev. William Page Dame, officiating.

On the petition of creditors having claims aggregating \$5,000 Bankruptcy Referee Groner, in Norfolk, yesterday, appointed George L. Pitcher and John B. Jenkins receivers for the McNally Oil Manufacturing Company, which operates a large cottonseed oil plant near Norfolk.

## KING EDWARD AT THE HELM.

The political crisis in England has taken on a phase which lends to the present situation an historical and constitutional importance of almost unprecedented interest. The King has interfered, not unconstitutionally or beyond the powers vested in the crown, but in the exercise of his prerogatives, to an extent never dreamed of in the Victorian era.

Premier Balfour's continued presence at Balmoral has given rise to much surmise and comment, but it is said that it is due to the King's determination not to assent to the formation of a new cabinet until thoroughly satisfied that its personnel and combination is such as to insure the efficient carrying on of the affairs of the empire pending the resumption of Parliament. For years previous cabinets were formed or ministerial vacancies filled with the mere formal presentation to the sovereign of the names of the new ministers.

King Edward has done away with this tradition. He has spent the last few days in constant discussion with Mr. Balfour as to the advisability, from the point of view of the national welfare, of the latter's suggested appointments. Ministers now holding office and those nominated for office have been summoned to Balmoral to join in these conferences, and all have been subjected to a degree of interrogation such as has surprised even those who knew King Edward intimately as Prince of Wales. To such an extent is King Edward holding his power of veto in reserve that now he is almost regarded by the inner circles as more the cabinetmaker than Mr. Balfour himself. Though, with his usual tact, the King has refrained from expressing any political views or infringing the initiative belonging to the ministers, this has not prevented him from expressing his genuine desire, amounting almost to a command, that steps be taken to remedy the scandals in the army administration revealed by the report of the South African war commission, and insisting that the new cabinet shall be one adapted to deal with that question.

## DEVOTED TO BUSINESS.

In the course of a two-column article from an occasional American correspondent, the London Times on Tuesday printed an interesting review of the development of business in the United States. The writer, who "returned home after an absence of nine years," took an extended trip through "half the States in the union." He says:

"Never was my country so devoted to business. The average man in the United States is giving at least an hour more per day to his business concerns than he did twelve or thirteen years ago."

The writer attributes this increased energy, first to the "renewed national spirit and the increased responsibilities resulting from the Spanish-American war, and second, to the sense of economy 'imbued from the severe depression of 1892-'97,' though he does not overlook the 'display of vulgar ostentation and almost criminal waste by a small number of rich, idle people in the large cities.'"

In minutely analyzing America's future in the world of trade the writer says: "In the matter of foreign trade the manufacturer in America has indefinite aspirations, instead of concrete ambitions. He would like to trade with the world. The American has the strongest faith in his gift for direction. He is sure that other people somehow are losing that power, and he is convinced that it is only a question of time when the financial center will be shifted to New York or Chicago. He does not take into account the fact that he has not yet developed a banking system flexible enough to adjust itself to a commercial crisis."

Trades unionism, the writer declares, is weaker in the United States than before, and while the wages in skilled trades advance, those in unskilled trades decline. Replying to a question as to how long the present period of prosperity is likely to continue, the writer says the general feeling in the United States predicts it will last "until the next presidential election is settled." He concludes by saying that whatever chances Americans had at one time of getting ahead by surely a paying foreign trade in foreign manufactures have been lost for the present through a series of mistakes and misdirected efforts, but that these mistakes will be overcome in time.

PRINCE WILLIAM PRIMARY.—At the primary held in Prince William county yesterday, the returns at midnight from nearly the whole county show that the following officers were nominated: For treasurer, Capt. J. E. Herrell had 754 votes; Judge William E. Lipscomb, 245; For sheriff, F. C. Rorabough, 504; Thomas S. Meredith, 371; Charles Barbee, 214. For house of delegates, Thomas H. Lion, 766; E. P. Davis, 193. There are about 125 votes yet to hear from, but they will not affect the result. The vote is unusually light. J. B. T. Thornton was renominated as Commonwealth's attorney without opposition.

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THE MARKET.

Georgetown, Sept. 24.—Wheat 75c32.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## The Balkan War.

Sofia, Sept. 24.—In the light of the delicate condition of the relations between Bulgaria and Turkey, the parliamentary elections in October promise to be hotly fought, and to have radical results. All the opposition parties have consolidated on an issue favoring war against Turkey. In the meantime, the popular excitement over the state of affairs in the Balkans continues unabated, despite the fact that the diplomatic representatives at Sofia are busier than ever trying to patch up a scheme which will insure peace.

Constantinople, Sept. 24.—Word has been received here that a fierce battle is in progress in Kreshan pass, in the mountains of Macedonia, between Turkish troops and insurgents. The Turkish casualties are reported to have been thus far 325, including five officers, while the insurgents' loss is placed at twenty killed and injured.

Constantinople, Sept. 24.—It is officially announced that in a fight between Turkish troops and insurgents at Mishino, five miles from the Bulgarian frontier, yesterday the Turks lost seven killed and seven injured, while the insurgents' loss was 45 killed and 44 captured.

Paris, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from Marseilles, published today, states that 3,000 French troops have been ordered to proceed to Crete with six months' provisions. The reserves of the Mediterranean squadron will follow to the Levant shortly.

Sofia, Sept. 24.—A dispatch received here today states that in a battle between seven thousand Turkish troops and a revolutionary force near Kotschani last Friday, 600 Turks were killed. Later the Turks pillaged and destroyed a number of Bulgarian villages out of revenge for their losses. Kotschani is in the mountains of northeastern Macedonia, near the frontier.

## Cardinal Gibbons.

Baltimore, Sept. 24.—A triumphant welcome will be given Cardinal Gibbons when he arrives at 3 p. m. All the Catholic organizations of the city will be formed along Mount Royal avenue ready to fall into the parade line. Each member will wear a badge, and the uniformed Knights of St. Michael, St. Paul, St. James and St. Wendelmas will be in line, 5,000 strong. The Cardinal will be at once escorted to the area surrounding the station, where the address of welcome on behalf of the city will be made by Mayor McNamee. Judge Chas. W. Heisler will follow with a welcome on behalf of the Catholic laymen of the city, and the Cardinal will go to his carriage and the procession of 8,000 will start for the cathedral. Arriving at the cathedral the Cardinal will at once be conducted to a stand before which the parade will pass in review. When the last of the marchers have passed, and the Cardinal enters the cathedral, he will be greeted by seventy-six of the most beautiful young ladies of the parish, each bearing an American flag. Then will follow a most impressive service, with the best music obtainable. Gay decorations floated from the different Catholic institutions. From Calvert Hall, opposite the cathedral, great streams of papal gold and silver flutter in the wind.

## New Heir to Russian Throne.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—A great commotion has been caused at the Russian court by the appearance of a new heir to the throne in opposition to the present heir presumptive, Grand Duke Michael. It seems that in 1893, the present Czar's second brother, Grand Duke George, who was then 22 years of age, was secretly married to Princess Nakachidze, daughter of a Caucasian nobleman. The couple lived together until George's death in 1899. They had two sons and one daughter. The Russian court remained in ignorance of this until recently. Grand Duke George's eldest son, Prince Cyril, is now nine years old. He has found partisans who present strong claims that he is heir to the throne, having prior rights. They say the marriage of Grand Duke George was notmorganatic, as the Princess Nakachidze's rank was equal to that of George. Duke Constantine, of Oldenburg, who was an intimate friend of Grand Duke George, has constituted himself Prince Cyril's champion, which has so incensed the Czar that he has issued a decree declaring Constantine insane and appointing Duke Alexander his guardian. It will be difficult, however, to override Prince Cyril's rights, which may make endless trouble if Grand Duke Michael tries to succeed to the Crown.

## Train Escaped from Robbers.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 24.—One bandit was killed, another wounded and captured, and Engineer Oliver Barrett shot in an attempt to hold up the Atlantic Express on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's line 20 miles east of this city, shortly before ten o'clock last night. The would-be robber was caught by a posse at daylight. He gave his name as Jim Connors. The dead bandit has not yet been identified. Barrett is not seriously wounded but it is feared that he will lose his left arm. There were four men in the gang. When the robbers stopped the train they placed dynamite against the express car and exploded it. Supposing they started on an exploration when the former opened fire upon the bandits with the result given above. The engineer and fireman subsequently proceeded to the engine unmolested and the train moved on. The robbers obtained no booty.

## Had Enough of Official Life.

Columbus, O., Sept. 24.—Alonzo Weed, the dwarf mayor of Amesville, Athens county, O., was released from the workhouse Wednesday where he served time for drunkenness. Weed came to Columbus during the State fair and acquired a jag of large proportions. Now that he is out of the workhouse, Weed says he has enough of Amesville and the mayor's chair. "Me back to the road," he said last night. "No more palace cars for Lon Weed. Trucks of freight cars are good enough for him. Just say to my friends that I'm out of jail, out of office, and out for the coin." Weed was a tramp and went to Amesville before the election last spring. He was nominated for mayor as a joke and when the vote was counted it was shown that both candidates had received the same number. Straws were drawn for the office and Weed beat his opponent.

## The Market.

Georgetown, Sept. 24.—Wheat 75c32.

## To Restrict the Coal Output.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 24.—The order issued by the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, placing its eleven thousand miners on half time until further notice, is the first move taken by the coal carrying roads to restrict the output and to maintain the present coal prices pending the sale of the enormous surplus stock of anthracite now stored along the big lines. Despite the enormous output of the present year and a falling off in the demand, the companies have succeeded in maintaining the circular price and it is announced that the suspended collieries will be closed for an indefinite period and all mines work half time. The order will affect many thousands of men in the anthracite region. Cold weather is expected to relieve the situation.

## War on "Hiawatha."

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 24.—An organization, to be known as the Anti-Hiawatha Club, was launched in Portsmouth yesterday for the purpose of suppressing the over-popular two-step "Hiawatha." Each member of the club swears that he will not whistle, sing or dance to the tune of the played-out melody; that he will pay no visits to young ladies who have the ear-nerivating piece on their piano racks, and he will leave a dance hall or theatre at the first strains of the piece from the orchestra. Whether the members will celebrate their organization with a torch-light procession, soiree or carnival has not yet been decided, but at any rate they are to meet Friday night to effect an organization. The prospective officers of the club are R. F. Saunders, president; C. R. Church, secretary, and John Morcock, local organizer.

## The Odd Fellows.

Baltimore, Sept. 24.—With the parade and grand ball of the Odd Fellows over, interest in the annual communication of the order is gradually dying down, and many of the delegates are leaving for their homes. It is estimated by those in charge that about half of the 40,000 representatives who were here Wednesday have already departed and many more are leaving on every train. Today was a day of comparative quiet with the convention, most of the delegates forming into little parties "doing the town." The Fifth regiment military, the headquarters of the Patriarchs Militant, was deserted, most of the members of that branch of the order having gone to Annapolis.

## A Husband's Desperate Deed.

Oconomowoc, Wis., Sept. 24.—In a fit of rage because his wife had left him, George Dailey last night blew off the top of his head with a double barreled gun. Daily went to the house of his mother-in-law where his wife is staying, and, being refused admittance, fired two shots at his brother-in-law, wounding him in the foot. He then returned home, applied the torch to both his house and barn, and waving his shot gun ordered the firemen off the premises. After holding the crowd at bay for over an hour, Dailey retired to a room on the upper floor of the dwelling, and placing the gun muzzle to his mouth ended his life.

## To Move Executive Headquarters.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt and his family will leave Oyster Bay at 8 o'clock Monday morning for Washington and expect to reach there at 4 p. m. A special train of two cars will be waiting for the presidential party at Jersey City, and no stops will be made between that point and Washington except those necessary for the operation of the locomotive. Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is now with friends in the Adirondacks will join her father and family in New York, and make the rest of trip with them.

## Shot by Intended Victim.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 24.—A few miles east of this city two negro boys attempted to criminally assault Miss Annie Herring, aged 16. The girl carried a gun and in the struggle the weapon was discharged. This frightened the negroes who ran off. Miss Herring calmly placed a second cartridge in the gun and shot one of the fleeing negroes. It is stated that the wound may prove fatal. Officers are making an investigation.

## Big Mines to go Half Time.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 24.—"All collieries operated by the Delaware & Hudson Company will be operated half time until further notice," said a notice posted at that company's Wyoming region mines yesterday. An official simply explained: "There's a glut in the market." Officials predict that none of the other companies' big collieries will work more than four days this week.

## All the Birds in Giant Pie.

Bristol, Pa., Sept. 24.—The largest pie ever made in Bristol was devoured last night by the Bristol Gunners' Social at Appleton's restaurant. It measured 2 feet 5 inches long, 2 feet wide and 5 inches deep. In it was 67 railbirds, 5 teal ducks, 32 redbirds, besides other dainties. A merry, but "unlucky," party of 13 partook of the pie.

## Must Not Harness the River.

Sunbury, Pa., Sept. 24.—The Pennsylvania Railroad has set up barriers that will prevent the harnessing of the Susquehanna river here and the starting of heat, light, power and trolley plants for all towns between Williamsport and Shamokin. The Pennsylvania does not want so many cheap trolley competitors.

## To Settle the Balkan Question.

Berlin, Sept. 24.—The Tageblatt, today, in all seriousness, publishes an article by Edward Mygind, a well known writer, in the course of which he says: "An influential American recently informed me that the United States will soon seize Constantinople and thus settle the Balkan question."

## New York Stock Market.

New York, Sept. 24.—With no adequate justification in the news which came to light overnight, the stock market this morning has been lower and extremely despondent in tone. B. & O. declined 1 1/2 per cent. before meeting much support. There were losses of 1 per cent. and over in Canadian Pacific, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis Southwestern preferred; Texas Pacific, Erie, second preferred; Delaware & Hudson, Denver & Rio Grande, and Illinois Central sagged off nearly a point, but St. Paul Atchison, Rock Island, Remond and a few others were fairly well sustained. In the industrials, the declines in iron and steel stocks were not important. Virginia-Carolina Chemical lost over a point. Consolidated Gas opened over

per cent lower and there was a sharp decline in General Electric. Amalgamated Copper showed some resistance to the general weakness, but Anaconda opened down 1 1/2 per cent. The market was not particularly active, and after the first hour there was some disposition to operate moderately for a rally.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

George E. Smith (Pittsburg Phil), one of the greatest plungers on the American turf, cleaned up \$50,000 on two races at Gravesend yesterday. He won \$35,000 on Lord Turco, and \$15,000 on Pulus.

At a special meeting of the Knights of Labor at Washington yesterday and a set of resolutions were adopted in which it was declared that President Roosevelt is the best friend that organized labor ever had in the White House.

Joseph E. Parra, a former Cuban general, who deserted and joined the Spaniards when war was declared by the United States, returned to Havana from Spain yesterday. He was refused admittance to the city by the authorities, and will be shipped back to Spain aboard the first vessel sailing.

Pursued several blocks by police and citizens and threatening to shoot any one who approached him, William Marshall, a negro, was captured in Clyde, near Chicago, yesterday, charged with attacking a young woman. He was held for the grand jury in \$2,000. His alleged victim, Miss Alice Gilbert, 18 years old, says she was knocked down and beaten by the negro.

Officers were nominated, a change in name decided upon, and the constitution altered so as to make councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. eligible for membership at the opening session of the Daughters of America Federal Benefit Association of the United States of North America, held in Trenton, N. J., today. The new name of the organization is the "American Federal Benefit Association."

A dispatch from London today reports the British torpedo boat destroyer Charger ashore on the Hebrides. The vessel is badly damaged.

## A Remarkable Record.